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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 22ND 1909.

CHINA has now had twelve months of government under the Regency. An era of enlightenment and progress was believed to have dawned for China when the aged Dowager Empress passed away within a few hours of the decease of the Emperor KWANGSU, and the infant son of the latter's brother was appointed to reign in his stead under the Regency of his father. The closing years of the last reign, associated as in history they will be with the recognition of the imperative need of reform, and the promised gift of constitutional government, furnished the Regent with a high ideal and a definite object of patriotic ambition. What little was known of Prince CHUN at the time inspired confident hopes and expectations that some definite progress would at last be made, and early confirmation of these views came when it was apparent that His Highness was disposed to lean for advice and guidance upon progressive statesmen like CHANG CHIH TUNG and YUAN SHIH KAI. Edicts imbued with the spirit of reform streamed from the Palace, and the flow continues to be unceasing. But CHANG CHIH TUNG has passed away, YUAN SHIH KAI has been relegated to obscurity, TANG SHAO YI has

been in retirement since he completed his important mission to Europe and America, and generally the prospect of real and solid progress in administrative reforms is not so hopeful as it seemed six months ago. Some of the recent unpromising signs—such as the appointment of the Regent's brothers, "inexperienced and ignorant young Manchu Princes, destitute of technical training," to the highest commands in the army and navy—have been ascribed to female influence. The power behind the Throne, Dr. MORRISON stated recently in a communication to the *Times*, is believed to be the Regent's stepmother, who "regardless of the welfare of the country, uses her influence towards the personal enrichment of her family." These appointments are said to have provoked widespread dissatisfaction in China. But some satisfaction may be derived from the fact that China's Lord High Admiral has by command of the Prince Regent gone to Europe and America for the express purpose of studying the naval arrangements of the great Powers of the world. Whatever opinions may be entertained regarding the definite objects of the mission, everyone appreciates the great advantage to the cause of progress and reform in China of these grand tours by Princes of the royal blood. How deeply the Prince Regent was impressed by what he saw when he visited Europe a few years ago has been very apparent in the Imperial Edicts since His Highness became the virtual ruler of the Empire. Similarly we may be sure that Prince Hsuan's outlook upon the world will be widened by his tour, and His Highness will return to China far more sympathetic than he probably ever was before to the new ideals. His Highness will have seen the fruits of "western learning" not merely in dockyards and arsenals, and even though China may still have to wait for an imposing fleet, the knowledge of the wide world and its affairs which the Imperial Prince will have acquired by the time he returns to Peking will, we cannot doubt, lead to increased sympathy with the ambitions of his Imperial brother for the advancement of China along Western lines. Those ambitions may be of the vaguest description, but the recognition by members of the Imperial family of China's backwardness must give to the reform movement a powerful impetus. Frequently we are told that China's great need is that of a strong consistent leader, powerful enough to carry out the ideas of reform by which he must be imbued, and uniting with a reasoned belief in the efficacy of his projects tact and firmness in their application. Japan, it is suggested, had such a leader in Ito. But we may point out that Ito was a product rather than the seed of the Reformation in Japan, and if we seek to apply to China the experience of Japan in this connection we have to say that the great need in China is, in the first place, a sympathetic Court ready to give the utmost encouragement and support, not to one strong leader merely, but rather to a powerful group of statesmen animated by the same convictions and absolutely loyal to their chosen leaders as well as to each other. Obviously a strong guiding force is what China imperatively needs at the present juncture, but the men best qualified by knowledge and experience to shape the destinies of the Empire are by some malign influence denied the opportunity.

Mr. Ariyoshi has been appointed Japanese Consul-General at Shanghai.

The German Mail of the 31st October was delivered in London on the 19th inst.

The *Soudan* with the Cameron Highlanders on board sailed from Hongkong on Saturday.

The Netherlands Indies cruiser squadron took their departure on Saturday afternoon, after an eight day's stay in these waters.

The scale of charges for medical treatment in the Government hospitals and asylums is published in the current *Gazette*.

Mr. Amos P. Wilder, U.S. Consul-General at Shanghai, is expected back on the P. M. S. *Siberia*, which is due early in December.

Rear-Admiral Harbor has been designated to succeed to the command of the U.S. Pacific Fleet on the retirement of Rear-Admiral Sabree early in the year.

The total output of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Co.'s three mines for the week ending 6th November amounted to 23,931.79 tons, and the sales during the period to 27,784.72 tons.

The agenda for the meeting of the Sanitary Board on Tuesday refers to a case of anthrax and to the extension of the outbreak of foot and mouth disease at Kennedy Town cattle depot.

His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to Ordinance No. 17 of 1909, entitled "An Ordinance to amend 'The Stonecutters' Island Ordinance, 1899'."

Two men were at the Magistracy on Saturday fined \$1,000 each or three months' imprisonment for conducting a lottery at 246, Hollywood Road. The police applied that the money found on the premises be forfeited, but his Worship refused to make any order.

A fine of \$10,000 was imposed at Singapore last week on a Cantonese named Ng Ah Fat for being in possession of 111 opium valued at \$3,126. The sentence in default of payment of the fine was one year's rigorous imprisonment. In the event of the fine being paid it is stated that \$9,500 would go to the informer and \$500 to the Farm.

The Board appointed to determine the amount of compensation to be paid for the Government resumption of Kowloon Island lots 442 and 618 will commence its sittings at the Supreme Court on Friday, December 3rd. The Government members are His Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz (chairman) and the Hon. Mr. P. N. H. Jones. Mr. R. G. Showan has been nominated by or on behalf of the owners of the property, and Mr. I. U. Pirza, Punesa Judge's clerk, has been appointed clerk to the Board.

The Rev. Timothy Richard, D.D., Litt.D., General Secretary of the Christian Literature Society of China, has just completed forty years' work in China, and the members of the English Baptist Missionary Society made use of this anniversary last week to show Dr. Richard the love and esteem in which he is held by them. Dr. Richard was entertained to dinner by the Rev. and Mrs. Evan Morgan at their residence in Shanghai, and a handsome silver rose bowl, a reading chair and reading couch were presented to Dr. Richard, to whom the gifts came as a great surprise.

H.E. the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. Ng Hon-tsz to be a member of the Sanitary Board for a term of three years, vice Mr. Ho Kom Tong, resigned. The new member, who is an old Queen's College boy, is one of the secretaries of the Yuen Fat firm, of Bonham Strand, the largest Chinese firm in the Colony, being importers of rice, sugar, etc., and in 1907 he was on the Board of Directors of the Tang Wa Hospital, being at that time comptroller of the National Bank of China. At present he is a member of the Public Dispensary Committee.

Leaving Linton, Oregon, for China, the steamer *M. S. Dollar* had on board one of the most singular cargoes of lumber that have ever left the port. Her deck load was composed of huge unawn logs destined for a Chinese temple. There were about twenty-five of these logs, and they ranged in length from 105 to 106 feet. They averaged about forty-three inches to the butt, and each weighed nearly fifteen tons. They were to be discharged between Shanghai and Hankow, and afterwards taken a long distance into the interior of the country, where they will be used in making repairs to a Buddhist temple many centuries old.

The first prosecution under the Liquor Ordinance was made at the Magistracy on Saturday, when Revenue Officers Willson and Brett charged the master of a junk with making a false declaration to the Superintendent of Imports and Exports in reference to 100 jars of spirits of wine, containing 350 gallons. They also charged the keeper of a Chinese wine and spirit shop in Queen's Road West with smuggling the liquor specified. The defendants were represented by Mr. Leo D'Almeida. The prosecution affirmed that the liquor was brought into the Colony as samshu in order to escape payment of the heavy duties on spirits of wine, it being stated that only \$15 duty was paid, instead of \$1,050. Mr. E. R. Halifax remanded the case until Friday next, bail being allowed, the junk master in a sum of \$250 and the shopkeeper in \$500.

The golden opinions won by the Bandmann Comedy Company during their stay at the Theatre during the present week, when they present even a stronger repertoire than they have done up till now. For instance, to-night "The Early Worm," the most laughable piece at present in London, will be produced, and many will no doubt patronize it to enjoy the "60 laughs in 60 minutes." To-morrow night the Robertsonian masterpiece, "Caste," will be the great attraction. This is the play in which Sir Squire Bancroft and Sir John Hare laid the foundations of their fortunes in the theatrical profession, and created the famous parts of Haretree and Sam Gerridge, after which Sir John Hare revived the piece at the Garrick Theatre and drew all London to see him in the rôle of Eccles, a rôle in which Cyril Maude made one of the life of his career at the Haymarket Theatre. Those who have not witnessed this comedy should avail themselves of this opportunity.

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LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C. & M. str. *Ruby* left Manila on the 20th instant, and is due here to-day at 6 p.m.

The H. A. Line str. *Belgavia* left Shanghai on the 18th instant p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The J. C. & L. str. *Thames* left Hongkong for this port on the 16th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 24th inst.

The P. & O. str. *Himalaya* left Singapore for this port on the 20th instant, at 4 p.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on the 25th instant, at about 3 p.m.

The T. K. K. str. *Nippon Maru* will sail from Yokohama on 21st inst., en route to Hongkong, she is due to arrive at this port on the 1st prox.

The C. P. R. str. *Empress of Japan*, sailed from Vancouver on the 18th instant afternoon via the usual ports of call.

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CHINESE NAVAL COMMISSIONERS.

LONDON, November 20th.
The Chinese Naval Commissioners, headed by Prince Hsuan, have arrived at Dover. On landing salutes were fired in honour of the visitors.

At Charing Cross Station they were met by representatives of the Admiralty and Foreign Office, and were accorded military honours in London.

LONDON, November 21st.
The Commissioners visited the King at Windsor and stayed to luncheon.

GERMANY'S ARMY AND NAVY ESTIMATES.

LONDON, November 20th.
The German Navy Estimates show an increase for the year of 1½ million pounds sterling.

The Army Estimates show a decrease of 1½ millions sterling.

THE KING OF PORTUGAL.

THE RUMOUR OF MARRIAGE NEGOTIATIONS DENIED.

LONDON, November 21st.
An official statement issued from Windsor states that there have been no negotiations for a marriage between King Manuel of Portugal and an English Princess.

EXPLOSION ON A SUBMARINE.

LONDON, November 21st.
An explosion has occurred on a submarine in Portsmouth harbour. The interior of the submarine was damaged and two men were injured.

THE RUSSIAN FINANCE MINISTER.

LONDON, November 21st.
M. Kokovtsov, the Russian Minister of Finance, has returned to St. Petersburg from the Far East.

MARRIAGE OF MISS HART.

LONDON, November 21st.
Miss Mabel Hart, daughter of Sir Robert Hart, has been married to Mr. H. C. Brodie, M.P. for the Reigate Division.

THE BRITISH CONSUL AT KIUKIANG.

In the House of Commons recently, Mr. Ginnel (Westmeath, N. Nat.) asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs if he would state the reason why Consul Werner, who refused to send for trial before a British Court a British subject charged with having killed a Chinese, was being withdrawn from his post; and whether the accused British subject would be removed.

Mr. McKinnon Wood (Glasgow, St. Rollox, Min.) who replied, said:—The statements implied in the question are not in accordance with facts. (Cheers.) His Majesty's Consul at Kiukiang happens to be proceeding on leave of absence due to him in the ordinary course. The police inspector whose trial on the charge of causing the death of a Chinese resulted in his discharge is not in the service of his Majesty's Government, and the question of his removal does not rest with them.

IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE.

AN INDIVIDUAL EFFORT.

A London telegram to the *N. C. Daily News* says:—

Mr. Edward Ginn, a wealthy publisher of Boston, announced that he will devote £10,000 annually to a scheme to promote peace. For that purpose he assigns £200,000 in his will and he intends to establish a "school of peace" in which a large staff will be engaged in giving lectures.

Our contemporary says Edward Ginn was born at Orland, Me., in 1838. He is the head of Ginn and Co., whose publishing business is said to be second to none in the United States. Mr. Ginn has shown special interest in lessening the poor and promoting better conditions between capital and labour, and for many years he has been identified with a movement favouring universal peace among the nations.

SUPREME COURT.

Saturday November 20th.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. W. REES DAVIES,
K.C. (ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE).

THE INDIAN POLICE MURDER.

The trial of Mak Tin Fuk on the charge of murdering two Indian police at Lamohai Gap in the New Territory was concluded.

The jurors were Messrs. P. C. Potts, Mr. Manuk, W. E. Molson, W. King, A. G. Coppin, G. M. Smith and G. S. Craikshank.

The Hon. Mr. F. A. Hazland, Acting Attorney-General, instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor, presented, and Mr. J. W. Orr, instructed by Mr. A. Jackson (of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Mas'ers), represented the defendant.

When evidence had concluded Counsel addressed the jury and his Lordship directed them.

The jury unanimously returned a verdict of guilty, and his Lordship, wearing the black cap, sentenced the prisoner to death.

THE JAPANESE SUGAR SCANDALS.

REMARKABLE EVIDENCE BY ONE OF THE ACCUSED DIRECTORS.

Our Correspondent at Tokyo writes:—

For some weeks past the trial has been proceeding in the Tokyo District Court of the accused directors and other officials of the Dai Nippon Sugar Company. The evidence so far laid before the Court has dealt with the manipulation of the company's money for purposes of speculation and has revealed nothing of particular interest, beyond the fact that the accused had seriously involved the company's affairs not only in a financial way but also in regard to the book-keeping, in the mass of which those who are trying to adjust the affairs of the company are still struggling.

But on Wednesday last there was a revival of interest in the proceedings in consequence of the remarkable statement of the chief of the accused officials, the director Isomura. Speaking with an eloquence which aroused the sympathy of the Court Isomura made the following statement:—

"We attempted to greatly extend the company's business with the object of monopolizing the trade in the Orient, and thereby benefitting our own country. But the Government, to our surprise, gave special favours to the Formosan Sugar Company by allowing heavy rebates on the taxes that should have been paid by this company, while we did not receive any assistance, but were ignored. This attitude of the Government even gave rise to international trouble, for the Dutch Minister laid a protest with the authorities because of the injury that was being done to the Java sugar trade."

"We therefore advised the Government, through Baron Shibusawa, to reconsider its policy, but the advice was ignored. At about this time the Formosan company was sending over 1,500,000 tons of sugar which was being secretly exported to Osaka and other districts. How could we be indifferent in this serious situation? How could we remain with our hands in our pockets and our company verging on bankruptcy? The Formosan company was making an annual profit of six million yen through the too-generous aid of the Government. And of this enormous amount Genro statesmen, Cabinet Ministers and many other high officials received a share."

The Court listened in silence to this sensational statement and the accused, his excitement increasing, continued:—

"Please remember that this crime was committed in broad daylight in Japan—a constitutional country! I and Mr. Akiyama (another accused director) gnashed our teeth in indignation, and it was at that time we resolved upon an extraordinary course of action, namely, to bribe members of the Lower House of the Diet to prevent the authorities from continuing their illegal acts. But our scheme failed and gave rise to a great scandal."

This accused concluded his statement by asking the Court to impose a severe sentence upon himself, as being the principal offender, but to lighten the punishment of the other accused, his accomplices.

The dramatic statement of Isomura greatly moved the Court, and naturally it has created a very deep impression upon the public, although of late months the people have become accustomed to hear of these serious charges against men high in office.

PUBLIC ORDER AND CRIME AT SWATOW.

Despite the existence of the police force, robberies in Swatow, and burglaries, are on the increase, says the *N. C. Daily News* correspondent. For the protection of river craft and of the shops which line the shore, a steam-launch and cutters have been provided, but as the launch is too large and the cutters of too great draft effectively to patrol the shallow water, it is difficult to see what and they will serve. Police matters are in the hands of a zealous but untrained superintendent, and suffer from his incompetence.

That infanticide is not a thing of the past in this region is proved by the following incident. A young woman thirty years old had borne seven daughters in succession and had despatched everyone of them. She looked forward to the advent of the new baby with joy, because a native proverb says that "Seven stars accompany the moon." But, alas! when the little one appeared it was again a girl! Maddened with disappointment she snatched up the baby and dashed it on the ground. The weight of the stone is not so much in the fate of the last little unfortunate, as in the fact that her seven sisters had been destroyed by their mother in the same way. Infanticide seems to be decidedly less usual within the last decade, and in this region is probably less frequent than in places further North, but it is by no means non-existent.

"QUO VADIS?" AT THE CITY HALL.

The audience on Saturday at the Theatre Royal were transported into ancient history, when Rome had scarcely passed her zenith and Peter himself was still living. The royal purple of the Emperor, the gay togas, and the flowing draperies in brilliant hues of the Roman court made a vivid mass of colour on the stage, thrown into relief by the white robes of the Christians, Nero, the decadent, was Emperor—vain, senile; and cruel—and through four scenic acts misfortune upon misfortune heap themselves upon the helpless Christians and those who befriended them in Nero's court. Happily meekness and submission triumph in the fifth act, the lovely Christian maiden is rescued from the wild beasts in the arena just in time, to the great relief of the audience, and the principal characters, at least, escape the universal carnage.

Considering the difficulties to be overcome in the production of a play of this character, the staging was excellent, and the audience showed their appreciation especially of a very effective scene representing a cell in the Mamertine prison.

Miss Blanche Forsythe's study of the character of the persecuted Lygia was exceptionally good and well balanced, while Mr. Henry Dallas made a sympathetic Vitellius. The Petronius of Mr. Charles Vane deserves special mention, and Mr. Douglas Vigors as Tigellinus was excellent. Nor should Nero (Mr. Harry Neville) be forgotten, or his insatiably cruel wife Poppaea, so ably played by Miss Lillian Dundas.

BELATED SHIPPING.

The German mail steamer *Prins Ludwig* arrived in port on Saturday evening two days overdue. Contrary to expectation, she had not been buffeted about by the typhoon which passed to the south of the Colony a few days ago, as the captain, when approaching the Paracels, found the barometer dropping and decided to keep out of the region of the typhoon. The steamer was headed southwards, and not till a rising glass indicated better weather ahead did she resume her northward course. Since the *Princess Alice* received such rough handling between Singapore and Hongkong in September of last year the captain of the N. D. L. steamers have received instructions not to pass through typhoons if possible.

The P. and O. steamer *Palawan* is three days overdue, but probably she, too, kept clear of the typhoon and doubtless we shall hear of her to-day.

THE UNVEILING OF THE ROYAL STATUES.

The following arrangements have been made for the unveiling on Thursday, the 25th instant, of the statues of H. M. the Queen (the cost of which, it will be remembered, has been defrayed by public subscription to commemorate the coronation of H. M. the King, and of H. R. H. the Princess of Wales, a gift to the Colony by Mr. H. M. Mody.

The unveiling will be performed by H.E. the Governor, and the hour appointed for the ceremony is 10 a.m. His Excellency will be received on the ground by the Chairman and members of the Coronation Committee and Mr. H. M. Mody. The troops will present arms and bands will play the first six bars of the National Anthem.

H. E. the Governor will then unveil the statue of H. M. the Queen, and subsequently the statue of H. R. H. the Princess of Wales, after which a royal salute will be fired by the Royal Artillery, and the troops will then give three cheers for H. M. the King and deile pass H.E. the Governor.

Stands will be erected in the vicinity of the statues. Admission to these will be partly by ticket issued by the Chairman of the Coronation Committee on behalf of that Committee and by Mr. H. M. Mody and partly free.

There will be no separate parade of troops in honour of the King's Birthday.

THE HIPPODROME CIRCUS.

Saturday night's attendance at the Hippodrome Circus, Causeway Bay, was not very large, but it was certainly enthusiastic. Le Dial and Romah excelled their previous displays in the hat-throwing event, while the Mysore acrobats, and Mookerjee, the horizontal bar expert, were the heroes of the evening. The clever head to head and hand to hand balancing of the Carpie Brothers elicited rounds of applause for those up-to-date acrobats, while the crowning act of the performance, M. Urban's entrance in the lions' den, was received with the warm enthusiasm which has always been accorded this turn. The quality of the performance throughout is being maintained, and those who appreciate a good circus should not neglect to pay a visit to the Hippodrome tent at Causeway Bay.

This evening there is to be a complete change of programme. Walter St. Leon will for the first time in Hongkong give an exhibition of his famous bareback somersault riding. The Carpie Brothers will also appear in a new and novel act. Miss Zelia with her beautiful statue horse, and Roccooco with something new, also appear in the programme. Other features are performances by Dalbenie, Miss Lillah Ashby, the Elliott Sisters, Dick and Bella Bell, Mookerjee, the Mysore troupe, Miss Virginia, Leo Harmande, Elliott and Romah, and Prof. G. Urban's zoo of wild animals. Seats may be booked at Robinson's.

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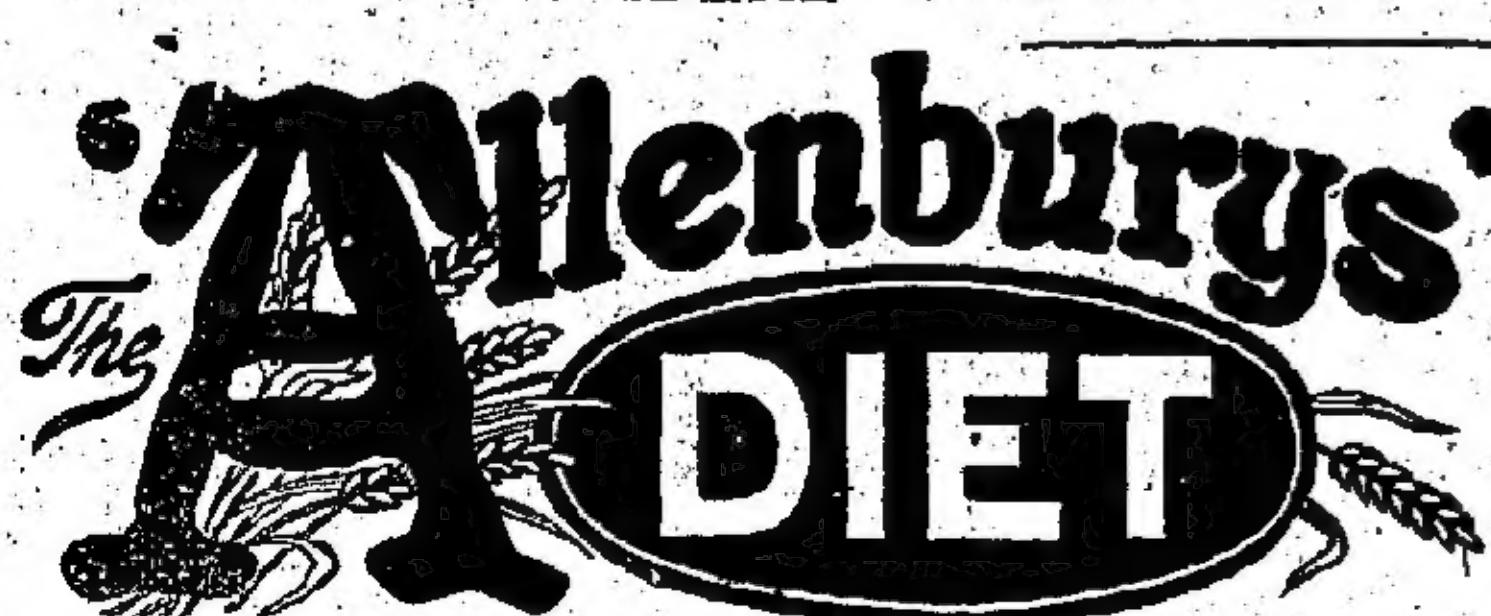
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FASHIONS AND FANCIES.

THE SHORTENED SKIRT.
Short skirts have been with us for some
time, and in Paris no longer are seen in the
streets at all, nor even at those indoor-outdoor
places, such as the very smart hotel
where until a few months ago it was correct
to wear a soignée costume. Now the plainest
of tailor-made are the best for these occasions.
But although the short skirt is no innovation,
the way in which it is shrinking is quite re-
markable. Up it goes, up, up, up. It is up
to the ankles now. Where will it be next week?
There was an old lady in a nursery rhyme who
fell asleep upon the King's highway, and had
the misfortune to have her skirts cut short by
some mischievous boys. When she woke and
found her kilted condition she had serious
doubts as to her identity.

"If I be I, and I pose I be,
I've a little dog at home and he'll know me!"
There will be some use for lap-dogs this winter,
at that rate. Alas, the little dog at home in
this particular case barked furiously at his
mistress.

CONSEQUENCES OF THE SHORT SKIRT.
Very short skirts have many consequences,
not all so obvious as their immediate effect
on shoes and stockings, and the run on small
sized and high heels which invariably accom-
panies their introduction. They nearly al-
ways ensure that coats will be fairly long,
and shoulders narrow, this meaning close-
fitting sleeves. A short skirt, worn with a
short coat, cuts up the figure into very ugly
portions, and wide sleeves put it hopelessly
out of proportion. Knife-plated skirts are
also very smart just now, the pleats
of the gown itself, has shaped with us on and
off for several years. The same notion is now
spreading to other parts of the costume. Last
season a broad band of black satin ribbon
ran round almost every dress just under
the arms, disappearing at the sides be-
neath the material, but appearing back and
front. This idea is now carried out in sashes,
threaded round the skirt below the knees; and
broad bands of silk or velvet edge many coats
down the front and round the bottom. Some-
times these are embroidered or touched
with sequins, but more often they are plain
and have a border of contrasting material, and
where a dress opens at one side in the new
fashion, the edge of it is often faced with a
broad band of satin.

THE DECORATIVE BROAD BAND.
Wide bands to skirts are notoriously be-
coming; they are so much so that the fashion
of having them in different materials, and
sometimes even in different colors from those
of the gown itself, has shaped with us on and
off for several years. The same notion is now
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MAYBELLE IN DRAPING.
Some of the latest things in evening frocks
are marvels in draping. Indeed, they depend
so much on this for their effect that they are
almost devoid of other trimming than that
afforded by the light and shadow of so much
fulness. They are difficult to describe, and
sound even more eccentric than they look.
But although they are bizarre, on a graceful
figure they have a great charm. For instance,
a very full velvet dress has much of the fulness
of the skirt, falling from a high waistband
drawn in at the back, about eight inches below
the knees, by a very broad band of fur, mine or
fox, inches wide, through which the side and
back threads of the skirt pass through a
loop, leaving the very full front width to fall
straight.

A WONDERFUL EVENING DRESS.
An almost miraculous gown, of course hail-
ing from Paris, consists of a half-fitting prin-
cess robe in the finest silk cashmere, in a
shade of leaf green, the upper part held by a
garniture of green satin and pearls and silver
quite close to the figure. From there down-
wards it falls without a fold almost to the
knees, where it suddenly opens over a petti-
coat of silver tulle embroidered in silver, over
a jacket of orange satin. Where it opens, the over-
dress sweeps to the back, in soft folds that would
make a train, were they not caught up, together
with two long scarves falling from the shoulders,
into a mass of fulness about eighteen inches
long. Where the fulness is all drawn together,
tassels of pearl and silver appear to the top. On
a graceful woman such a gown is a dream; on
one who does not know to move, it is literally
grotesque.

THE NEWEST TRAINS.
Although outdoor and morning dresses invari-
ably have the shortest of skirts, more ceremonious
toilettes are all furnished with trains, some of
which have a very odd appearance. A dress
to be smart just now must be very
narrow all the way down, and when it has
a train, the effect is usually of its being
narrower still at the feet. This is the smart
outline, and when, after this narrowing at
the ankles, the train suddenly widens itself into
a train about a yard and a half long by a little
more than half a yard wide, and ending in a
point, it can be imagined how funny is the
effect. Wiggle-waggle goes this odd little
appendage after its wearer; and when it gets
tired of that it turns over and lies down in a
helpless little roll; its whole behaviour so
suggestive of a bored pig, waddling after its
mistress, and finally sitting down immovably at
the end of its string, that one almost wonders
why the women do not turn round and chirrup
to encourage it.

ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS.
Artificial flowers are being very freely used
on dresses just now. Nothing flatters more
than this particular fashion; whenever it is
out it is considered bad taste, but when it
comes in again, we are all quite pleased with
it, and rush to find flowers in new colours
and new materials. There is a certain kind
of very superior artificial flower which is
made with the closest attention to horticul-
ture, and really has claims to beauty on its own
merits, as well as on the success of its imitation.
But these are fabulously expensive, and besides,
they do not go with the queer faded tints of
this year's taste, since they are made in the
bold or delicate, but always living, colours of
nature. In the next rank come the most pop-
ular flowers—these made of muslin, or chiffon;
those in silver and golden gauze; those formed
of knotted crepe-de-Chine; and those in mixed
silk and muslin and velvet. The prettiest are,
perhaps those in clear muslin; they have a
charming lightness of effect, and are soft, too.
Then we have the freak flowers—roses made of
crotone, of antique silk furniture brocade,
striped cambric made in striped muslin, and
so forth. We shall soon hear of bedtick-
ing dahlias, or house-flannel orchids.

LACE TRIMMINGS.
Black Chantilly lace was once a very great
favorite, but has recently given place to the
rage for cream lace. Now it is being revived,
and the smartest kind of lace-gown is that which
has a shawl of old Chantilly draped about it,
either white or black, but preferably black.
The ingenuity of dressmakers has already
discovered many ways in which such shawls can
be draped, without any necessity for cutting
them. A good way of using old white and
cream lace shawls, also, is to arrange them on a
satin foundation, and then fling over them a

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loose robe of black chiffon, makes an ideal tea-
gown.—X. and Z. in the *Globe*.

CHINESE MINING AND THE GOVERNMENT.

THE RIGHTS OF THE COMPANY.

Colonel Albert Thys presided at the meeting
of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Com-
pany, in London, and in moving the adoption of
the report said that the shareholders would
doubtless agree that the results obtained during
the year were satisfactory, especially in view of
the fact that they had been achieved under
unfavourable conditions of trade in China.
Having dealt in detail with the various items of
the balance-sheet, the Chairman went on to say
that from time to time objections had been made
by the Chinese Government to the company's
title to its property, but during the whole
period of the company's existence no effective
steps had been taken by them to establish their
contention. Some time ago, however, the
Chinese authorities granted to a Chinese com-
pany a mining concession within the area of the
Kaiping Basin, which this company claimed to
be its exclusive right, and the Chinese company
was now developing and equipping a colliery at
Lauchow, which was some six miles from their
principal colliery at Tongshan. That action on
the part of the Chinese authorities constituted a
grave infringement of the rights and interests of
this company. The board of directors were fully
satisfied that the company's title to its properties
was valid, and they applied to the British Gov-
ernment for its support. The negotiations, which
had been suspended for some considerable time
because of the absence of one of the highest of the
Chinese officials, had been resumed quite recently,
and they were being conducted on behalf of the
company with the assistance and support of the
British Government. Such being the case, it
was not possible for them to discuss the matter
there that day. It was possible, however, that
negotiations might be of a somewhat protracted
nature, but in the meantime the shareholders
might be sure that they were receiving the
closest attention on their behalf both here and
in China, and the directors placed the fullest
reliance on the British Government in the
matters at issue. (Hear, hear.) The output of
coal for the past year showed an increase of
103,500 tons, and the sales for the same period
had amounted to 1,149,335 tons, being an
increase of 190,027 tons, both output and sales
being the largest attained in the history of the
company. The cost of production, which had
risen during the year 1907-8, owing to temporary
causes, was reduced to a normal figure during
the past year, notwithstanding the fact that the
output of the mines throughout the year was on
an average considerably below the full capacity. With
regard to reserves, he remarked that the coal
exposed or actually in sight in the mines at the
22nd February last, according to the engineer's
report, in round figures, amounted to a total of
9,647,000 tons, which was equal to about eight
years' supply on the basis of the sales of the
past year.

THE OUTLOOK.
The trade conditions which had prevailed dur-
ing the year had not on the whole been
favourable. Throughout the year the depression
which previously existed had been more marked
than ever, except for a temporary revival during
last autumn. As to the immediate future, they
were not in a position to speak definitely. They
were advised that the recovery of business was
expected during the present autumn, but that
there was nothing to warrant optimistic views
as to the return of general prosperity in North
China. Want of money was said to be the one
main feature of the situation, and, while that
continued, the local trades and industries, on
which their sales in North China largely
depended, were stagnant. It was to be borne
in mind also that coal was still very little used
in China for domestic purposes, and that any
development in that direction was naturally
checked by adverse conditions in trade. Perse-
verant efforts were being made by the manage-
ment to encourage and increase the use of coal
for domestic purposes by the introduction of
suitable stoves, and considerable progress had
been made in that direction.

The report was unanimously adopted without
discussion.

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